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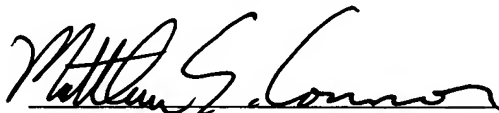
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RESPONSE

In response to the Restriction Requirement of December 15, 2004, Applicant elects invention Group I, drawn to a valve assembly adapted to be positioned into a urethra in a mammal, including humans and to a method for emptying a patient's urine bladder, classified in class 600, subclass 029. Applicant also elects species C, drawn to a mechanically controlled valve. Accordingly, claims 1-28 and 33-38 are elected.

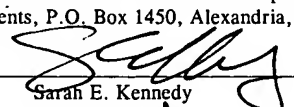
Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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